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FORMER BUREAU OF PRISONS SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE AGENT PLEADS GUILTY TO PERJURY

TUCSON, Ariz. - Yesterday, former United States Bureau of Prisons (BOP) Special Investigative Agent (SIA) Alfonso Jose Mendez Jr., 54, of Tucson, Ariz., pleaded guilty to perjury. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Feb. 20, 2019 before U.S. District Judge James A. Soto.

The SIA for a BOP facility is the individual responsible for supervising internal investigations into staff and inmate misconduct, intelligence gathering, and security threat analyses.

In his plea agreement, Mendez, admitted that while employed as the BOP SIA, he perjured himself during sworn oral testimony before an investigator for the Equal Opportunity Commission.

Under his plea agreement, Mendez faces up to 21 months in prison.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice-Office of Inspector General. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys, Rosaleen O’Gara and Gordon E. Davenport III.

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